

Project Information Sheet Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Studies

Project Name CALFED Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Studies

Project Lead Local Manager is the Contra Costa Water District; Lead CALFED Study Manager agencies are the California Department of Water Resources and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

Relationship with Tribes The Contra Costa Water District is a CALFED Agency and acknowledges the CALFED Record of Decision and the section on tribal consultation.

The Bureau of Reclamation is a federal agency under the U.S. Department of Interior. As an Executive Branch agency, Reclamation acknowledges and affirms the special relationship between the United States and Federally recognized Indian tribes; Reclamation also has a trust responsibility to such tribes to evaluate the potential impacts of its undertakings on Indian trust assets and to consult with federally recognized tribes when such evaluations reveal impacts that may occur to those assets.

Location Eastern Contra Costa County between Brentwood and Livermore.

Purpose Improve drought supplies and water quality for the Bay Area and help enhance the Delta environment.

Benefits Improve supply of water to the Bay Area during droughts and emergencies to avoid public health and economic impacts caused by water shortages, improve Bay Area drinking

water quality to help meet public health goals and reduce treatment costs, and improve the Delta environment by protecting at-risk Delta fish species and contributing to the recovery of these species.

Features to be Constructed The existing off-stream dam and reservoir would be replaced with a new earth-filled dam and reservoir with a capacity up to 500,000 acre-feet. Additional facilities will include Delta intakes and pump stations, pipelines, mitigation sites, and recreation facilities.

How It Works When water quality in the Delta is good and Delta impacts are low, water would be pumped from the Delta up to the reservoir and stored until it is need for water quality and drought supply. Water stored in the reservoir can also be used by the Environmental Water Account managed by the CALFED agencies.

Interested Federally Recognized Tribes

None identified to date, nearest trust land is 70 miles distant, per BOR.

Opportunities for Tribal Participation

1. Tribes can attend public meetings and public hearings
2. Tribes can obtain copies of the Draft Planning Report (currently available) and the Environmental Impact Statements/Environmental Impact Reports (when available) and review and comment on the contents.
3. Tribes can review the project web site (www.lvstudies.com) and the lead agency web sites and provide input by email to the point of contact indicated.
4. Tribes can call the Project Manager listed below for more information.

5. All tribes can request from the lead agency to be placed on mailing lists to receive notices of public meetings, public workshops and public hearings about CALFED projects.
6. All tribes can provide comment at public meetings, public workshops and give testimony at public hearings about CALFED projects.
7. All tribes can participate in compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as an interested party, relating tribal concerns about possible adverse effects to historic and Traditional Cultural Properties.
8. Federally recognized tribal governments can be engaged in the planning and development of specific CALFED projects in their areas by CALFED lead agencies.
9. In accordance with the CALFED ROD, CALFED Agencies can and will consult with federally recognized tribal governments on a government-to-government basis, to the extent permitted by law, prior to taking actions that affect such tribal governments.
10. In accordance with the CALFED ROD, federally recognized tribes can, upon request, enter into Memorandums of Understanding with CALFED Agencies to specify how the federal, state and tribal governments will work together, on a government-to-government basis, in developing CALFED projects.

Use of Information : Information about specific CALFED projects provided by CALFED project lead agencies is intended to

be used by tribes to formulate their own opinions about (1) the social, economic and environmental worthiness of the specific undertaking, (2) the potential impact such an undertaking may have on the character, use or nature of trust assets, and (3) to convey the tribe's opinions to the lead agency for analysis.

Tentative Schedule

If the expansion studies continue after the local advisory vote on March 2, 2004:

1. Public Scoping Meetings by Summer of 2004;
2. Complete Feasibility Study by December 2005;
3. Public Draft of EIS/EIR by December 2005;
4. Potential Construction Start Date - after 2006 and dependent upon the findings of the Feasibility Report, Record of Decision on the Final EIS/EIR, authorizations and funding.

Project Website: www.lvstudies.com

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